

Announcement
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Return-Path: <barbara>
Date: Thu, 07 May 92 15:55:53
From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)
To: wais-discussion, cm-lights@nova.npac.syr.edu, gbnewby@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu,
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Subject: WAIS SOFTWARE ANNOUNCEMENT!!!
Cc: wais@think.com, scf@think.com

Introducing the release of the CM2-based RAM WAIS Software application:

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- * Runs on all models of CM-2, CM-2a, and CM-200
- * A high-end WAIS Server
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- * Database up to three times the RAM size of the machine
- * Supports English language queries and relevance feedback
- * Front-end software is PD for easy customization to new formats and custom weighting experiments.
- * Sun front ends supported. VAX support might be offered in the future.

This new Seeker software allows any CM2 owner to run the high-end WAIS server software on their own text files. These services can be registered with the directory of servers if other organizations can use the resource.

Since this package can run under timesharing, CM sites can run a WAIS server in the background, thus only using the CM when needed. Completely rewritten from the original CMDRS application, this software makes customization easier.

For more information on WAIS, or details on receiving this software, contact Barbara Lincoln: barbara@think.com, 415-329-9300 X236, or 1010 El Camino, Suite 310, Menlo Park, CA, 94025.

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Return-Path: <scf@Think.COM>
From: susan fairchild <scf@Think.COM>
Date: Fri, 8 May 92 10:03:04 EDT
To: barbara@Think.COM
Cc: scf@Think.COM
Subject: at long last

Barbara,

Here is an incomplete list of the sites and contacts. I am not at all sure of the people's names that I have given you, but they will be good starting points. Sorry that I don't have any more info.

5.22 ANU- John Barlow barlow@romeo.anu.edu.au
Dow Jones Tracey Shen shen@think.com
5.22 IPG Peter Mora no email address *mcavax!ipget!petere.uu.net mora@sntab6.ipgp.*
MCS no name *jussieu.fr*
5.22 NCSA Rick Kufrin rkufrin@ncsa.uiuc.edu
UMD Mitch Murphy no email address
5.22 Xerox Jim Mahoney jmahoney@parc.xerox.com
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Susan jmahoney@parc.xerox.com

Return-Path: <scf@Think.COM>
From: susan fairchild <scf@Think.COM>
Date: Thu, 7 May 92 09:28:09 EDT
To: barbara@Think.COM
Cc: scf@Think.COM
Subject: cmdrs sites

Barbara,

Here is the info that I promised you on Monday. This is all the info that we have in ingres.

ANU 6.0f
DJ 6.0f
6.1f >do not send per Bob Rooney
IPG 6.0f
MSC 6.0f
NCSA 6.0f-larry smart
Rice 6.0f
UMass 6.0f-croft@cs.umass.edu sent 5-22
UMD 6.1f
Xerox 6.0f

I know that Naples is interested in cmdrs, but they can't run the most current version.

If there is anything else that I can do, let me know.

Susan

MRJ
Baylor - talked to Otavia. She wants to make sure they will use it first.
Barbara Mihalis
Columbia
B of France

5/8 B sent to wais-interest
5/16 B sent to sales + euro sales

Return-Path: <barbara>
Date: Fri, 08 May 92 12:02:35
From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)
To: jonathan
Subject: WAIS Seeker RAM requests
Cc: brewster

I have now received requests four requests for the software!

Marshall Presser is one of them. He made a good point. How about sending him the software first, and letting a non-tmc-tech-wiz try to load and install this software...weed out the first bugs with one of our own...

What do you think? Are you coming in today? I'd like to fed ex the tape to Marshall today...

thanks,
barbara

ok - i'm sure you want to know who else ask for it...
Dr. Robert Marcus, Boeing (I'm waiting to hear if he has a CM to use)
Morrow Long, Yale Univ. Comp Sci Dept
Greg Newby, U of Illinois
and several people asking/writing/calling for info on WAIS in general...another wave...

Return-Path: <brewster>
Date: Thu, 7 May 92 17:46:11 PDT
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster
To: barbara
Cc: ottavia, barbara
In-Reply-To: Barbara Lincoln's message of Thu, 07 May 92 16:09:16
<9205072309.AA07860@quake.think.com>
Subject: second seeker announcement

Date: Thu, 07 May 92 16:09:16
From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)

well, i did it. I sent it out.

yippie! thank you.
hopefully there will be stampedes of demanding customers.

B:
now you are going to France next week. Great timing on my part.
opps.

I am still waiting for the email addresses for those sites that have
cmdrs (from scf), and also a couple from you.

1. You wanted MRJ and Barbara Milhalis to receive the announcement. Who
at MRJ and the email for him/her?

gwilson@mrj.com *5-22*

how about email for Barbara?

bmihalas@ncsa.uiuc.edu *5-22*

2. Gordon suggested sending it to Columbia and Bib de France - did you
agree?

Columbia is willem@lawmail.law.columbia.edu *5-22*

Who and emails for them?

bib de france I will see next week.

3. Do you have Larry Smar at NCSA's email address?

here is a shot at it (I dont know if this is the right system, however)
smarr@ncsa.uiuc.edu *5-22*

4. Lastly, Bob Rooney asked that Dow Jones do Not get it. Do you
agree?

sure. They will be staying with CMDRS.

o: *we're going to talk to them & make sure they would really use it first.*

Do you want to send to Baylor, or just handle it once they say they want
it? If you would like me to send the announcement to them - to whom
shall i send it?

thanks!

-fingers-crossed-barbara

Go barbara.

-brewster